

# Secondary Certification Grades 6-12: HQ & Certification Requirements

**Scenario:** Can a teacher with an Elementary Certificate teach in a self-contained class K-8?

Certification Requirements	Highly Qualified Requirements
<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Elementary certificate allows an individual to teach in grades 1-8. The Elementary certificate holder can teach in either a self-contained or departmentalized (single subject) classroom.</p> <p>Note: An Early Childhood certificate or an Early Childhood endorsement is required to teach Kindergarten.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The requirements have not changed. Elementary teachers need to meet one of the Highly Qualified Requirements on the Elementary Attestation Form.</p>

**Scenario:** Can a teacher with an Elementary Certificate and an approved area on the certificate teach in a single content area in a departmentalized setting grades, 6-8?

Certification Requirements	Highly Qualified Requirements
<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Elementary certificate holder can teach in either a self-contained or departmentalized classroom.</p> <p>Elementary teachers who are teaching in a departmentalized classroom in grades 7 or 8 must have the appropriate Middle Grade approved area on their certificate.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>For 6<sup>th</sup> grade there is a new Elementary Single Subject Attestation Form. Elementary teachers may either meet one of the Highly Qualified requirements on the Elementary Self-Contained Attestation Form or one of the requirements on the Elementary Single Subject Attestation Form.</p> <p>For 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade single subjects the requirements have not changed. Elementary teachers must meet the single subject requirements demonstrating content knowledge in each single subject area in which they are teaching.</p>

**Scenario:** Can a teacher with a Secondary Certificate with an approved area on the certificate teach in the single content area in a departmentalized setting grades 6-8?

Certification Requirements	Highly Qualified Requirements
<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Secondary certificate now covers grades 6-12; therefore, Secondary certificate holders can teach in a 6-8 grade departmentalized classroom.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Secondary Attestation Form for single content areas still applies. It is being revised to include 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Teachers need to demonstrate content knowledge in each single subject area in which they are teaching.</p>

**Scenario:** Can a teacher with a Secondary Certificate teach in a Self-Contained 6<sup>th</sup> grade Classroom.

Certification Requirements	Highly Qualified Requirements
<p>No.</p> <p>The Secondary certificate can only be used to teach in a departmentalized or single subject content classroom. An Elementary certificate is required to teach in a self-contained classroom.</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>A secondary teacher may only teach in the single subject content area on the certificate in which he/she meets highly qualified requirements. Even if the Elementary Subject Knowledge exam is taken and passed Secondary certificate holders cannot teach in a self-contained classroom because they are not appropriately certified to teach in this setting.</p>

**Scenario:** Can a teacher with an Elementary Certificate teach a 6<sup>th</sup> grade single content area without an approved area on the certificate?

Certification Requirements	Highly Qualified Requirements
<p>Yes.</p> <p>An Elementary certificate holder can teach in a 6<sup>th</sup> grade single content area classroom without an approved area on their certificate.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>An elementary teacher may teach in a 6<sup>th</sup> grade content area by meeting the requirements on either the Elementary Self-Contained Attestation Form or the Elementary Single Subject Attestation Form.</p>